From the FAFSA to the FAN

Understanding the process and available tools to help make informed college decisions

How much does college cost?

Every school has an estimated Cost of Attendance (COA)

Varies from school to school

▶ Is used to determine your financial aid eligibility

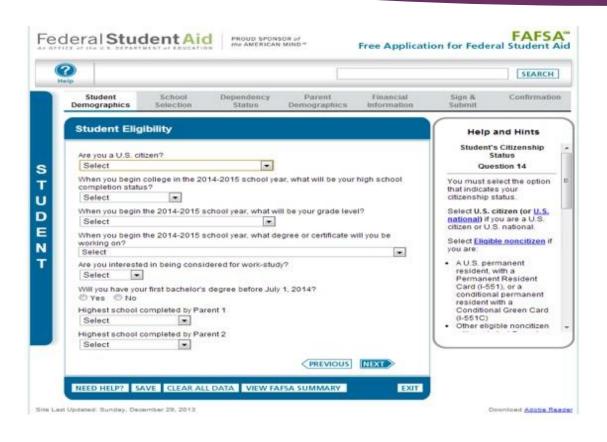
Financial Aid Steps

- Federal aid eligibility
 - ▶ US citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - ► Register with selective service
 - ► Attend participating college
 - ► Enroll in degree seeking program
 - ► Maintain satisfactory academic progress

- Materials needed
 - ► Social security number
 - ▶ Prior year federal tax information
 - Bank and investment records
 - Records of any untaxed income
 - ▶ Electronic signature: username and password



- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - ► Fafsa.gov
 - Available in Spanish



- ► Help and Hints
 - Provided throughout the application

- ► Student receives the Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - ► The SAR provides a summary of the information the student provided on the FAFSA. Be sure to check that the information is correct and complete.

- ► Government calculates Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - ► The EFC is a number used by the college to calculate how much financial aid the student is eligible to receive

Financial Aid Steps

Colleges Receive EFC

Colleges Receive EFC

Colleges use the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to calculate financial need

►COA - EFC = Financial Need

Financial Aid Steps

Verification Process

Colleges Receive FAFSA Info

Verification

- Students may be selected for a process called verification
- Verification isn't a bad thing, it just means students may need to submit additional documents to the college
 - This process varies from school to school, so students may not be asked by all schools to submit documents
 - ▶ It is VERY important that students check their email, mail, and student portals after they submit their FAFSA's to see if any of the schools they applied to are requesting additional information
 - ▶ Submit all documents quickly! Students cannot receive financial aid awards until all documents have been submitted & this process is complete.

Financial Aid Steps

Student Receives FAN

Verification Process

Colleges Receive FAFSA Info

Student Receives Financial Aid Notification (FAN)

- ► FAN = Financial Aid Notification
 - Financial Aid Award Letter
 - Financial Aid Package
 - Financial Aid Offer
 - Financial Aid Award

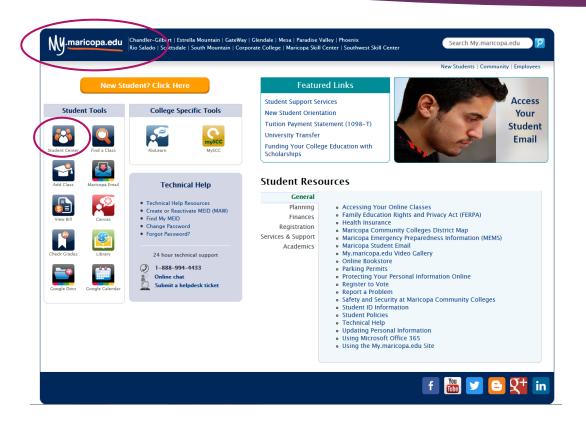
Financial Aid Notification (FAN)

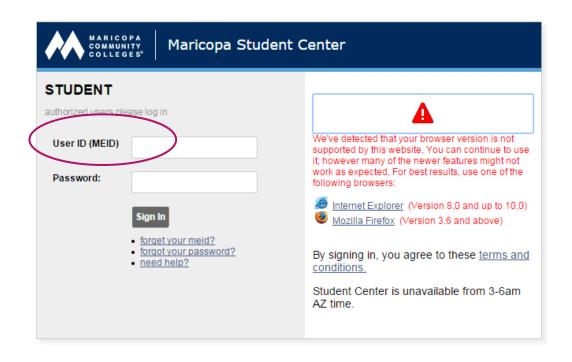
- ▶ The Financial Aid Award Notification (FAN) will indicate:
 - ► Cost of Attendance
 - Financial aid that you are eligible to receive

Financial Aid Notification (FAN)

- ► Gift aid: free money
 - Grants: federal and institutional; generally need-based
 - Scholarships: comes from the university/college, private donors, and various organizations
- ► Self-help aid
 - ► Federal Work-Study: part-time employment, partially funded by the federal government
 - ▶ Loans: borrow money and repay with interest

Maricopa Community Colleges Student Portal





Financial Aid Award Letter

Describes:

Dollar amount of your award

Type of award

Term of award

Financial Aid

Award Summary

Federal Aid Year 2014-2015

It is your responsibility to become familiar with the information provided regarding your award(s). The college reserves the right to review, revise, or cancel your financial aid award(s) at any time.

You must click on 'Accept/Decline Awards' below.

| Fa | Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 | | | | | | |
|----|--|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|--|--|
| | Award Description | Category | Offered | Accepted | Loan Details | | |
| | Federal Pell Grant | Grant | 4,297.50 | 4,297.50 | | | |
| | LEAP Grant | Grant | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | | |
| | Fed Direct Subsidized Loan 1 | Loan | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | <u>Loan Details</u> | | |
| | Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Totals | | 8,797.50 | 8,797.50 | | | |

Financial Aid Summary

Terms Spring 2015 Award Description Category Offered Accepted Federal Pell Grant Grant 2,865.00 2,865.00 LEAP Grant 500.00 Grant 500.00 Fed Direct 1,750.00 1,750.00 Loan Subsidized Loan 1 5,115.00 **Term Totals** 5,115.00

Fall 2014

| Award Description | Category | Offered | Accepted |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Federal Pell Grant | Grant | 1,432.50 | 1,432.50 |
| LEAP Grant | Grant | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Fed Direct Subsidized Loan 1 | Loan | 1,750.00 | 1,750.00 |
| Term Totals | | 3,682.50 | 3,682.50 |

Sample **Financial** Aid Notification

Your Financial Aid Awards



Arizona State University is pleased to offer you the following financial aid awards for the 2013-2014 academic year.

| Fall 2013 | Spring 2014 | Total Award |
|--------------|---|--|
| \$1,848 | \$1,847 | \$3,695 |
| \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$2,000 |
| \$1,750 | \$1,750 | \$3,500 |
| \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$2,000 |
| \$5,598 | \$5,597 | \$11,195 |
| | | |
| \$6,781 | \$6,780 | \$13,561 |
| | 2013 \$1,848 \$1,000 \$1,750 \$1,000 \$5,598 | 2013 2014 \$1,848 \$1,847 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,750 \$1,750 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$5,598 \$5,597 |

Total Award \$12,379 \$12,377 \$24,756

Next Steps

View and take action on your awards in My ASU at my asu edu/financialaid to reserve any awarded federal and ASU grants. Take these actions as soon as possible so we can prepare for your enrollment at ASU and ensure your aid is applied to your ASU

Your aid may adjust if any of your student statuses, as listed on this page, change, or you receive additional aid (e.g., scholarships, employee benefits, etc.). Any changes to your awards will result in an email notification sent to your ASU email address.

Please feel free to call or visit one of our locations if you have guestions (contact information on back). Best wishes for a successful year!

Melissa Pizzo, Executive Director Student Financial Assistance Arizona State University

Your awards were based on the following:

Assumed Enrollment Status: Full time

Projected Academic Level:

Dependency Status: Dependent

Residency Status: Resident

Housing Plan: On Campus

Estimated Cost of Attendance:

Expected Family Contribution:

Financial Need:

\$22.826

See definitions inside for an explanation of the items above.

Important Notes
ASU reserves the right to adjust awards to correct any
awarding errors. Changes to qualifying information or
revisions of federal, state or institutional policy may
result in updates to scholarship eligibility and
adjustments of financial aid awards. Information is

Check your My Tasks on My ASU on a regular basis as items may be requested for additional verification or after acceptance of certain awards.

For an explanation of your award types, go to students.asu.edu/financialaid/types

For each type of loan you accept, you will need to complete a Master Promissory Note and Loan Entrance Counseling before funds can be disbursed.

If you do not plan to attend ASU during the 2013-2014 academic year, please notify ASU of your decision. Go to students.asu.edu/declineadmissions for instructions on how to decline admission.

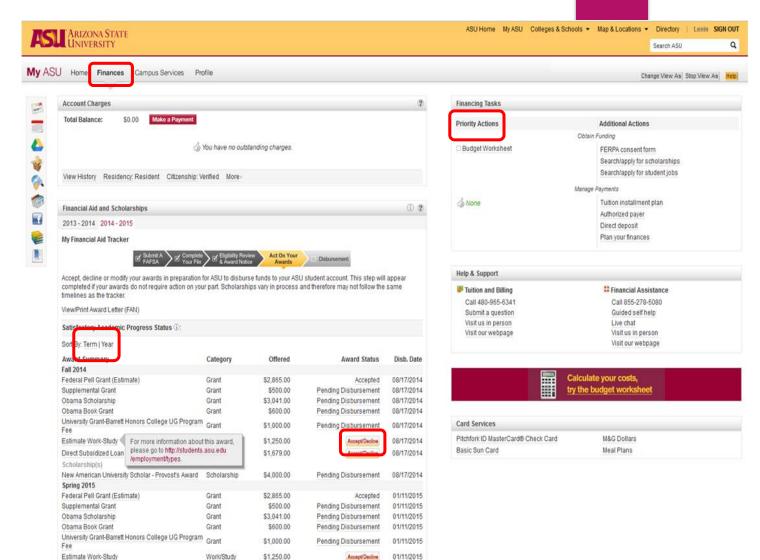
ASU will assume that outside resources received in the fall semester will also be received in the spring semester, unless we are informed otherwise.

or an, ministed and trust oran and university Grant will not be evaraded to students who have attempted 120 or more credits. Attempted credits include all ASU earned and unearned credits, all transfer credits and AP credits.

If your status changes to resident, your financial aid will be reduced and any institutional aid will be adjusted or cancelled.



Sample Financial Aid Notification



01/11/2015

Accept/Decline

Pending Disbursement 01/11/2015

Direct Subsidized Loan

New American University Scholar - Provost's Award Scholarship

Loan

\$1,679.00

\$4,000.00

Comparing Costs

- ► Things to consider
 - ▶ 1 year vs. 4 year awards
 - ▶ Resident vs. Non-Resident Tuition
 - Pay Per Credit Hour or Flat Amount (after a certain number of credit hours)
 - Renewal/Eligiblity Criteria (Federal Aid, Scholarships)
 - ▶ Net Price (Sticker price Grants & Scholarships = Net Price

Tools to Help

- ► Federal Financial Aid Shopping Sheet
- ► College Cost Comparison Worksheet
- ► Comparison Calculators

Financial Aid **Shopping Sheet**

- Tool designed to simplify information
- Standardized form
- Easily compare institutions to make informed decisions

University of the United States (UUS)



Costs in the 2014-15 year \$X,XXX/yr Estimated Cost of Attendance \$ X,XXX Tuition and fees X,XXX Housing and meals Books and supplies X,XXX X,XXX Transportation Other education costs X,XXX

| Total Grants and Scholarships (*Gift* Aid; no repayment needed) | | \$X,XXX /y |
|---|-------|-------------------|
| Grants and scholarships from your school\$ | X,XXX | |
| Federal Pell Grant | XXX,X | |
| Grants from your state | XXX,X | |
| Other scholarships you can use | X,XXX | |



Options to pay net costs

| Work options | |
|---|-------|
| Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional)\$ | x,xxx |



| Other options | |
|--|--------------|
| Family Contribution (As calculated by the institution using information reported on the FAFSA or to your institution.) | \$X,XXX / yr |

- · Payment plan offered by the institution
- · Military and/or National Service benefits
- · Parent or Graduate PLUS Loans
- · Non-Federal private education loan

XXXXX Medium High Median Borrowing Students who borrow at UUS typically take out \$X,XXX in Federal loans for their undergraduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for

Repaying your loans

approximately \$X,XXX per month. Your borrowing may

To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to: http://studentaid.ed.gov/repayloans/understand/plans

For more information and next steps

University of the United States (UUS) **Financial Aid Office**

123 Main Street Anytown, ST 12345 Telephone: (123) 456-7890 E-mail: financialaid@uus.edu

Customized information from UUS

College Cost Comparison **Tools**

- **Consumer Financial** Protection Bureau Online Calculator
 - Students can enter their specific financial aid award information
 - Compare costs and financial awards for up to 3 schools

← Paying for College Compare financial aid

Compare college costs and financial aid offers to see how they might impact you down the road. Just researching schools? Check out College Scorecard.



Get started

Student financial guides

COMPARE SCHOOLS

About this tool

Compare college costs and financial aid offers.

Add some information about the schools you're considering to see the financial impact down the road. If you don't have a financial aid offer, we'll show you where to find cost info for each school.

You can compare up to 3 schools.

Get started

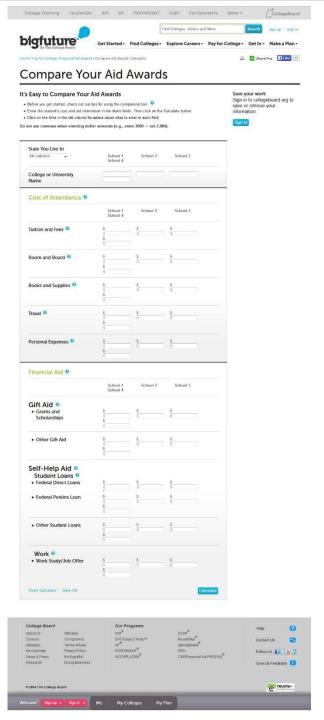
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| | | Scho | ol 1 | Scho | ol 2 | Sch | ool 3 |
| FIRST YE | AR COSTS | | | | | ı | |
| > | Cost of attendance | \$0 | | \$0 | | \$0 | |
| FIRST YE | AR FINANCIAL AID OFFER | | | | | | |
| > | Money for school | \$0 | | \$0 | | \$0 | |
| | Compare first year costs | | School 1 | | School 2 | | School S |
| | he contribution amounts above e how it affects the breakdown | Total first year costs: | \$0 | Total first year costs: | \$0 | Total first year costs: | \$0 |
| | | Contributions, scholarships, and grants: | \$0 | Contributions, scholarships, and grants: | \$0 | Contributions, scholarships, and grants: | \$0 |
| | | Federal Loans | \$D | Federal Loans | \$0 | Federal Loans | \$0 |
| | | Private Loans | \$0 | Private Loans | \$0 | Private Loans | \$0 |
| | | Left to pay: | \$0 | Left to pay: | \$0 | Left to pay: | \$0 |
| | | | | | | | |

APTER SCHOOL



College Cost Comparison Tools

- The College Board
 - Students can enter their specific financial aid award information
 - Financial awards for up to 4 schools



College Cost Comparison Tools

- NASFAA Award Letter Comparison Worksheet
 - Students can use this worksheet to evaluate cost of attendance and financial aid awards they have been offered
 - Compare up to three schools

AWARD LETTER COMPARISON WORKSHEET

Different schools have different resources, so financial aid offers can vary greatly from school to school. There are several components of an aid offer you should consider:

- Direct costs, which are billed to you by the school (e.g., tuition and fees), and are not always finalized figures at
 the time you receive your award letter.
- Indirect costs, which are estimated expenses over which you may have some control (e.g., books and supplies).
- Scholarships and grant awards, referred to as gift aid. Be sure you understand how additional outside scholarships you receive may impact the aid offered by the school.
- Loans and work, also referred to as self-help aid, which you can accept, accept in part, or decline. Always remember: Loans must be repaid! Never borrow more than you need.
- Out-of-pocket costs remaining after subtracting offered aid from the total cost of attendance that you or your
 parents may have to find other resources to cover, such as parent loans, or additional part-time employment.
- Student consumer information and disclosures (such as graduation and transfer-out rates) that the school must
 provide, either with the award letter, by reference, or by link to other materials—be sure to review carefully.

Award letters usually only cover one academic year, and amounts awarded may change from year to year. Check the school's website or publications or contact the school's financial aid office for more information on the terms and conditions of gift aid (such as renewability in future years) and self-help aid.

| Award Letter from School: | 1. | 2. | 3. | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Cost of Attendance (COA) | | | | |
| Direct Costs | | | | |
| Tuition and Fees | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Indirect Costs | | | | |
| Transportation: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Miscellaneous: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Total Costs: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Expected Family Contribution (EFC) | -\$ | -\$ | -\$ | |
| Total Need: (COA – EFC) | \$ | \$ | s | |

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Financial Aid Steps

Student Accepts Awards

Student Receives FAN

Verification Process

Colleges Receive FAFSA Info

Student Accepts Awards

- Each school may have a different process to accept awards
- Students should check their financial aid notification letter, email, and student portals for instructions on steps to accept their awards

Questions?